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REF A) ANKARA 2497 (NOTAL, B) ANKARA 2496 (NOTAL),

C) ISTANBUL 1213 (NOTAL), D) ANKARA 2219

1. REFTELS REPORT CIVIL VIOLENCE CONNECTED TO THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LEFTIST TERRORIST MAHIR CAYAN MARCH 30. TWO ASPECTS OF THAT VIOLENCE ARE NOTEWORTHY:

(1) THE PLACEMENT AND FORCE OF THE EXPLOSIVES SUGGESTS NO INTENTION TO CAUSE CASUALTIES; 2) THE SECURITY FORCES REACTED IN A VERY RESTRAINED MANNER IN THEIR ANKARA CLASH WITH STUDENTS (REF B), MANAGING TO ARREST ALIVE FOUR ARMED LEFTISTS DESPITE THE SHOOTING OF A POLICE OFFICER.

2. HOWEVER, THREE STUDENT DEATHS OCCURRED IN INTER-FACTIONAL VIOLENCE EARLIER IN THE WEEK AT TRABZON, KAYSERI AND ANKARA. THESE KILLINGS APPARENTLY WERE UNRELATED TO THE MAHIR CAYAN ANNIVERSARY. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHICH FACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE.

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3. SPEAKING TO JUSTICE PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS MARCH 31,

PRIMIN DEMIREL ACCUSED THE OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT VIOLENCE. DEMIREL PLEDGED THAT THE STATE WOULD TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD DOMESTIC PEACE AND THAT "THE STREETS SOILED BY THE AMNESTY (I.E., THAT OF MAY 1974 LEGISLATED BY AN RPP-LED GOVERNMENT) WILL BE CLEANSED AGAIN BY THE POWERS OF THE STATE." IN CONTRAST, RPP DEP SEC GEN TOPUZ HELD THE "DEMIREL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT TAKING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT INCIDENTS (OF VIOLENCE)." INDEED, TOPUZ CONTINUED, "THE HEAD OF ANARCHY AND TERRORISM IS IN THE GOVERNMENT...", AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO DEP PRIMIN TURKES, LEADER OF THE EXTREME RIGHTIST NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY WHOSE YOUTHFUL SUPPORTERS ARE OFTEN ACCUSED OF ANTI-LEFTIST PROVOCATION AND TERRORISM.

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